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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants submit this Amendment in response to the Office Action mailed July 15, 2002. A petition to extend time for response for three months, from October 15, 2002 to January 15, 2003 accompanies this Amendment (in triplicate). Applicants request reconsideration of the application in view of this Amendment and the remarks that follow.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please delete the sentence on page 1, lines 2-3, beginning "This is a continuation-in-part...." and insert in its place the following:

--This application is a continuation of U.S. Application No. 09/177,249, filed October 22, 1998, now U.S. Patent No. 6,229,064, which is a continuation-in-part of

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